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PRESIDENT'S NOTES



Already our program year is winding down and soon a number of the Friends will be leaving for the summer. Before we think of what comes next, let's look back for a moment on what we have accomplished. The 2009-2010 season was truly remarkable.

Thanks to your efforts, this year we were buoyed by strong membership and book sale attendance as well as your support of a wonderfully successful gala. Each of these accomplishments was instrumental in raising much needed funds for implementing the Friends' mission to support and promote the library. Also extraordinary was the number of volunteer hours spent working in the library. Still other volunteers delivered books to ships, organized special events, and devoted time and talent to the business of the FOL organization. Remember too how we kicked off the season with the Mayor's proclamation of a "Friends of the Library Week", followed by the library's 50th anniversary celebration,

co-hosted with the Women's Club and the recent One Island-One Book program accompanied by the dedication of the Hemingway Literary Landmark? What a season!

On behalf of the Board of Directors I wish to thank everyone for contributing so very much to the Friends' vision of "an outstanding Key West Library with strong community support".

Plans for next year are well underway with all indications that you stand ready to sustain the momentum of the 2009-2010 season. But while many of our activities are winding down, please don't forget that the library continues to need volunteers during the summer. One great way to beat the tropical heat is to work in the cool air-conditioned library. Please do come by to help whenever you can. Wherever you are, enjoy your summer.

See you at the library!

Annette Liggett

**Library volunteers contributed
3,193 hours in the last year!**

SOL JACOBSON REMEMBERED

by Christine Dunn

"The idea is to die young as late as possible." –Ashley Montagu



One of the youngest souls I ever met passed away recently at the age of 97. Sol Jacobson was a true Friend of this Library. He worked the book sales and attended library programs and the lecture series with dedication and interest—and a twinkle in his eyes! He's been a longtime member of the Friends of the Key West Library, was married to one president of the Friends and stepfather to yet another. Sol

even took a few computer classes in our reference department, fine-tuning his skills beside others more than half his age. Just last year, at age 96, Sol travelled by himself via bus from his home in Pennsylvania to a meeting with other former and current Broadway press agents held in the heart of Manhattan. Sol's energy and dedication are to be admired and will be missed.

May our memories of Sol Jacobson inspire us to treasure the gifts in our lives with his style, commitment and enthusiasm. Way to go, Sol!

OUR FINAL LECTURE CELEBRATES POETRY MONTH

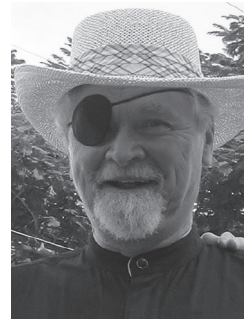
Monday 6:00 p.m. at The Studios of Key West.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

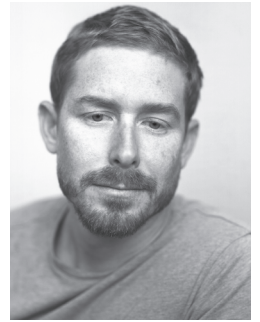
APRIL 5 - BREWSTER CHAMBERLIN and ARLO HASKELL

After almost 20 years at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC, Brewster Chamberlin retired and with his wife, Lynn-Marie Smith, moved to Key West to write and escape the winter. His *Situation Reports on the Emotional Equipoise: Collected Poems 1959-2006* was published in 2007.

Arlo Haskell is the author of *Joker*, publisher of Sand Paper Press, creator of the online journal *Littoral*, and a director of the Key West Literary Seminar. A native of the Lower Keys, he lives on Love Lane with Ashley Kamen. John Ashbery says his “quietly gripping poems conjure an ambience as temperate and welcoming as ocean air.”



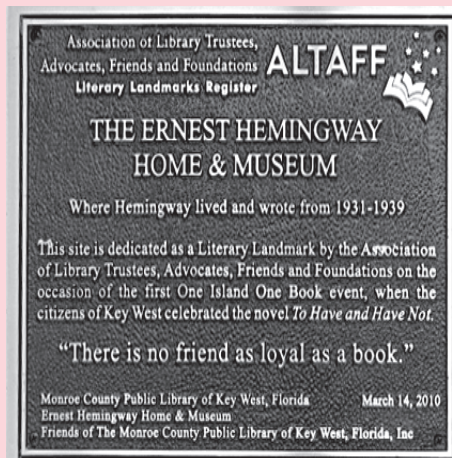
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One Island One Book 2010

The One Island One Book 2010 event ended on Sunday, March 14 with the dedication of the Ernest Hemingway Home & Museum, 907 Whitehead Street, as a National Literary Landmark. This designation, which comes from the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF) with our own Friends of the Library



as co-sponsors, is long overdue — it will be the eighth literary landmark on our little island alone, and the second honoring Hemingway (the first is his birthplace in Oak Park, Illinois). The commemorative plaque was prominently placed by the front door.

Key West Gingerbread Now Online

KeyWest's gingerbread (the architectural, not comestible kind) is abundant and beloved by locals and visitors. And Key West gingerbread is now making a worldwide debut! Historian Tom Hambright and Librarian Anne Layton Rice scanned, described and uploaded the Library's archival collection of Key West gingerbread tracings.

The tracings were made during the 1970s by Howard England. Born in Key West in 1914, Mr. England was a local historian who championed the preservation of Ft. Zachary Taylor as a park. He was honored with the official designation of “Great Floridian” by the State to individuals who made “significant contributions in the history and culture” of Florida. Mr. England passed away in 1999.

The gingerbread images online are organized by street address, then house number, followed by a letter (B or C) to designate balustrades, fretwork or cornices. For example, fretwork on the building at 700 Fleming Street would be Fleming_700C. If there is an archival photograph of the house, it appears before the decorative elements.

Visit www.flickr.com/photos/keyslibraries and scroll down to the Gingerbread collection.

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